



Chamber Food & Beverage Steering Committee Meeting

October 11, 2016



AGENDA

1. Welcoming remarks delivered by Andy Hunder, Chamber President.
2. Update on the recent Chamber Food & Beverage Committee activities (July 14 – October 11) delivered by Yuliia Stelmakh, Policy Officer (Food & Beverage Issues).
3. Open discussion of the action plan on major issues.
4. Closing remarks.

Social Pricing Issue

- **Policy Win:** Cabinet of Ministers Supported Cancellation of State Price Regulation for Socially Significant Food Products (Pilot Project) as a result of agreements reached during the Chamber BOD Meeting with the Prime Minister and effective follow-up with relevant stakeholders and experts
- **Next steps:**
 1. Support of PR campaign in case of speculations.
 2. Work on market analytics and reasons of potential increase in prices (not related to special regulation).



Deregulation in Beer Industry

- **Policy Progress:** support of the idea not to apply labelling related to electronic excise marks for beer producers voiced by government stakeholders at high-level meetings
- **Next Steps:**
 1. Support of the final adoption of Draft Law #2971-d in the Parliament on deregulation.
 2. Further advocacy of fair and predictable excise policy.
 3. Work on predictable labelling and sales requirements.

Waste Management Issue

- **Policy Progress:** Parliament Committee on Anticorruption Issues issued negative conclusion of the package of 'tax related' Draft Laws (#4835-4838)
- **Next Steps:**
 1. Promotion of the European approach implemented in Draft Law #4028 "On Packaging and Waste Packaging" (events, articles in press).
 2. Further prevention of ecological tax introduction on production and imports of packaging and goods in packaging (work with MPs, media).
 3. Cooperation with subcontractors on PR and GR campaign in the sphere (application of the Committee budget – **25 K USD more for the next 3 months**).



External Trade & Investment Issues

- **Policy Progress:** delivering Committee related issues at the governmental Ukraine – US Council on Trade and Investments by the Chamber leadership, reaching agreements on follow-up with Ukrainian authorities
- **Next Steps:**
 1. Work on elimination of trade barriers relevant for Members: Moldova, United Arab Emirates, EU.
 2. Dealing with problematic issues relevant for smooth export/import operations (issuance of sanitary-epidemiological conclusions, etc.)



Antimonopoly Regulations

- **Policy Progress:** Certain Chamber Proposals were Incorporated into Amended Recommendations on Calculation of Fines
- **Next Steps:**
 1. Work on the issue of distribution of powers between Antimonopoly Committee and State Service on Food Safety & Consumers Protection.
 2. Supporting relevant draft legislation in the sphere.



Key Committee Meetings

- Meetings with representatives of the Ministry of Infrastructure and **Ukravtodor regarding limitation of movement of milk tankers**: July 20, August 2;
- Meeting regarding Draft Law #4611 on materials that are in contact with food products at the **Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food**, August 18;
- Meeting with representatives of the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food and representatives of relevant projects **on hygiene requirements for milk and milk products**, September 12;
- Meeting with **Olga Trofimtseva**, newly appointed Deputy Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food on European Integration, September 21;
- Meeting with **Volodymyr Lapa**, Head of the State Service on Food Safety and Consumers Protection regarding current procedure of sanitary-epidemiological conclusions issuing, October 3



Key High-Level Meetings

1. Meeting with **Roman Nasirov**, Head of the State Fiscal Service of Ukraine, September 7
2. Meeting with **Oleksandr Saienko**, Minister of Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, September 26
3. Meeting with **Ivanna Klympush-Tsintsadze**, Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration, September 30
4. Meeting with **Volodymyr Kistion**, Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine, October 4
5. Meeting with **Ostap Semerak**, Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources, October 10





In Progress: Draft Legislation in the Sphere

Draft Law #0906 on State Control	Most of the Chamber comments were considered - to be adopted in the second reading
Draft Law #4126-1 on Information for Consumers regarding Foodstuffs	Polishing the final text - to be considered at relevant Parliament Committees
Draft Law #4611 on Materials that are in Contact with Food Products	Developing comments to be introduced before the second reading

In Progress: relevant bylaws

- Supporting final adoption of the MEDT Draft Order “On Amendments to the Draft Order of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine #914 dated August 4, 2015” regarding **labelling requirements: transitional period was increased** as a result of negotiations
- Supporting final adoption of the MEDT amendments to the CMU Order #1194 dated December 16, 2015 “On Approval of the **Technical Regulation on certain goods packed by weight and volume of the finished packaging**” aimed on simplification of labelling requirements
- Work on the Order of the Minagropolicy #18 on tariffs for veterinary services (**continue work on decrease of veterinary tariffs and implementation of a risk-based approach for controls of imported foodstuffs**)



Planned Activities

- Develop a **roadmap on draft legislation** and regulatory acts that still need to be adopted in the context of reform in the sphere of food safety and consumers protection in cooperation with EU Project and government stakeholders
- Develop Committee **PR activities**: expert articles, media involvement
- Arranging **focused meetings** and events with relevant stakeholders to promote our agenda
- Continue cooperation with subcontractors to support **PR and GR campaign on waste management**
- Searching for a mechanism of **support of milk producers**, due to cancellation of a special VAT regime since January 1, 2017
- Meeting with relevant stakeholders regarding **electronic excise marks for beer**





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